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MILITARY WORKS.

GENERAL REMARKS.

1. The following stations were under the control of the Public Works Department during the year :—

Poona District.

Ahmednagar.		Purandhar.
Sirúr.		Khandála.
Sátára.		

Bombay District.

Málegaon.		Baroda.
Bhúj.		Surat.
Thána.		

Deesa District.

Ahmedabad.		Rájkot.
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2. The expenditure during the year on Military Works (inclusive of contributions), amounted to Rs. 2,68,946, of which Rs. 1,45,910 were for original works; Rs. 73,547 for repairs; Rs. 29,684 for establishment; Rs. 1,910 for tools and plant; and Rs. 17,895 for Barrack Department.

3. The Military Works Revenue for the year amounted to Rs. 8,714.

4. The principal works carried out during the year were as follows :—

I.—ACCOMMODATION FOR TROOPS.

2.—IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE PLAINS.

5. Special repairs to the British Infantry Barracks at Ahmednagar. Ahmednagar were carried out at an expenditure of Rs. 5,997 against the estimate of Rs. 6,125.

3.—IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING BUILDINGS IN THE HILLS.

6. The work of protecting certain military buildings at Purandhar. Purandhar, described in the last year's report, could not be completed, owing to the surrender of the allotment which was required to meet urgent demands elsewhere. An expenditure of Rs. 2,052 was however incurred, bringing the total expenditure to Rs. 2,850 against the estimate of Rs. 3,942.

IV.—COMMISSARIAT BUILDINGS.

7. Two new ovens were constructed in the bakery at Ahmednagar. Ahmednagar and the open space between the bakery and the kneading room was enclosed to form a room for weighing. The expenditure amounted to Rs. 3,650.



VIII.—GENERAL CANTONMENT WORKS.

Kirkee.

8. The works at the Páshán Tank, as well as the pipes, cisterns, &c., for the water-supply of Kirkee were maintained in an efficient state at a cost of Rs. 2,077.

9. The work of improving the water-supply of Kirkee estimated to cost Rs. 3,09,228 was in progress, and Rs. 1,31,354 were expended, bringing the total expenditure to Rs. 1,41,562.

10. The construction of the Kapurwadi Tank, referred to in the last year's report, was in progress as a famine relief work, and Rs. 1,04,709 were expended on earth-work and the puddle trench. The total expenditure amounts to Rs. 1,05,997.

IX.—FORTIFICATIONS.

Ahmedabad.

11. Certain improvements to the Fortified Post at Ahmedabad, estimated to cost Rs. 8,260, which were in progress last year, were completed at a cost of Rs. 8,041, the expenditure during the year being Rs. 3,046.

Ahmednagar.

12. Portions of the Ahmednagar Fort escarpment walls having been reported as dangerous and liable to fall were dismantled and are being re-built. The work was in progress, the total expenditure being Rs. 2,971 against the estimate of Rs. 4,984.

MINOR WORKS AND REPAIRS.

13. At other stations no new works of any importance were carried out during the year, the operations being confined to minor works and maintenance and repairs of buildings, water-supply works and cantonment roads.
